

# Bow, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

## Town of Bow

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Merrimack  
Concord NH Micro-NECTA  
Merrimack Valley  
Central NH Regional  
Capital Regional Development Council

District 2  
District 2  
District 16  
Merrimack County District 13

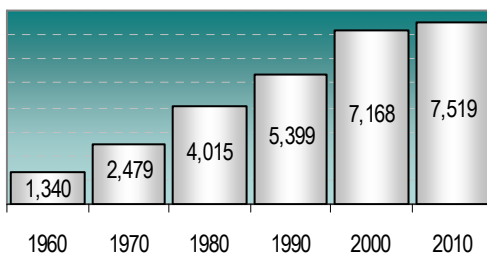
**Incorporated:** 1727

**Origin:** This community was one of several established in the Merrimack Valley to relieve population congestion in the seacoast. When drawn on a map, the line of communities formed a bow. There is also a bend in the Merrimack River within its borders, and the name Bow may have come from either source. Grants in this expansion were given to many prominent Portsmouth families, causing concern by residents of Rumford to the north, who objected to being hemmed in from the south, and protested to the English crown against extension of such colonization. Upon settlement of the dispute, Rumford was renamed Concord. Bow is the birthplace of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the First Church of Christ, Scientist and leader of the Christian Science movement.

**Villages and Place Names:** Bow Bog, Bow Center, Bow Junction, Bow Mills, South Bow

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 568 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bow totaled 6,179 over 50 years, from



1,340 in 1960 to 7,519 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was an 85 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the population increased by at least 25 percent each decade. The 2010 Census estimate for Bow was 7,519 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 268.2 persons per square mile of land area. Bow contains 28.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen/Town Manager</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2010	<b>\$9,456,290</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2009-2010	<b>\$24,408,702</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1955/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2004</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Ambulance Oversight; Business Development; Heritage; Recreation; Recycling</b>

Public Library **Baker Free**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Concord Hospital, Concord</b>	<b>4 miles</b>	<b>220</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>Unitil; PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>National Grid</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal &amp; private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary - Curbside</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.66</b>
2010 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.98</b>

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>67.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>12.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>20.0%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	<b>2,793</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,665</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>128</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>0</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	<b>7,519</b>	<b>146,445</b>
2000	<b>7,168</b>	<b>136,716</b>
1990	<b>5,399</b>	<b>120,618</b>
1980	<b>4,015</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>2,479</b>	<b>80,925</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>3,851</b>	Female <b>3,718</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>319</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>2,002</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>462</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>2,849</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>872</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>1,065</b>
Median Age	<b>44.2 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>54.8%</b>

**INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	<b>\$42,494</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$108,466</b>
Median household income	<b>\$101,731</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$81,982</b>
Female	<b>\$51,105</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>1.8%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	<b>3,952</b>	<b>4,364</b>
Employed	<b>3,870</b>	<b>4,192</b>
Unemployed	<b>82</b>	<b>172</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,163</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$818</b>	<b>\$1,007</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,271</b>	<b>1,580</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$755</b>	<b>\$1,054</b>

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>2,886</b>	<b>2,743</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$790</b>	<b>\$1,034</b>

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>463</b>	<b>458</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$523</b>	<b>\$843</b>

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>3,349</b>	<b>3,201</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$753</b>	<b>\$1,007</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*Schools students attend: **Bow operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 67**Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy**Region: **11**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K 1-3</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>460</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>26</b>

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*):Total Facilities: **7**Total Capacity: **404**Nearest Community/Technical College: **NHTI-Concord**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law; Southern NH University**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
The Grappone Companies	New, used vehicle sales & service	300	1924
Pitco/MagiKitch'n	Commercial cooking equipment	280	1918
R.S. Audley, Inc.	General construction contractor	175	1955
Public Service Co of NH	Electric utility	120	1960
Capitol Distributors	Beer wholesaler	75	2006
Structures Unlimited/Keller/Kalwall	Skylight systems	75	1968
Hampton Inn	Hotel	57	1990
Bovie Screen Printing	Industrial, commercial screen printing	40	1987
Blue Seal Feeds	Specialty commercial feeds	40	1886
Z-Tech	High performance zirconia products	27	1969

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>3A, 13</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-89, Exit 1; I-93, Exit 12</b>	
Distance	<b>Local access; 1 mile</b>	
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>6,005 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>21 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>15 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>107 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>65 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>270 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>244 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>88.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.4%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.6%</b>
Other means	<b>1.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.9 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010**

Working in community of residence	<b>19.7%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>74.0%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6.3%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak, Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: <b>Antiques; Summer Concert Series</b>